

**§ 4284.657**

making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcripts.

**§ 4284.657 Audit requirements.**

Grantees must provide an annual audit in accordance with 7 CFR part 3052. The audit requirements apply to the years in which grant funds are received and years in which work is accomplished that will be paid for with grant funds.

**§§ 4284.658–4284.666 [Reserved]**

**§ 4284.667 Grant servicing.**

Grants will be serviced in accordance with part 1951, subparts E and O, of this title. Grantees will permit periodic inspection of the program operations by a representative of the Agency. All non-confidential information resulting from the Grantee's activities shall be made available to the general public on an equal basis.

**§ 4284.668 Programmatic changes.**

The Grantee shall obtain prior approval for any change to the scope or objectives of the approved project. Failure to obtain prior approval of changes to the scope of work or budget may result in suspension, termination, and recovery of grant funds.

**§§ 4284.669–4284.683 [Reserved]**

**§ 4284.684 Exception authority.**

The Administrator may, in individual cases, grant an exception to any requirement or provision of this subpart provided the Administrator determines that application of the requirement or provision would adversely affect USDA's interest.

**§§ 4284.685–4284.698 [Reserved]**

**§ 4284.699 Member delegate clause.**

No member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this grant or any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to bar as a contractor under the grant a publicly held corporation whose ownership might include a member of Congress.

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**§ 4284.700 OMB control number.**

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**Subparts H–I [Reserved]**

**Subpart J—Value-Added  
Producer Grants**

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**§ 4284.901 Purpose.**

This subpart implements the Value-Added agricultural product market development grant program (Value-Added Producer Grants) administered by the Rural Business-Cooperative Service whereby grants are made to enable producers to develop businesses that produce and market Value-Added agricultural products.

**§ 4284.902 Policy.**

It is the policy of the Secretary of Agriculture to fund a broad diversity of projects that help increase the agricultural producers' customer base and share of the food and agricultural system profit.

**§ 4284.903 Program administration.**

The Value-Added Producer Grant program is administered by Cooperative Services within the Agency.

**§ 4284.904 Definitions.**

*Planning Grants*—Grants to facilitate the development of a defined program of economic activities to determine the viability of a potential Value-Added venture, including feasibility studies, marketing strategies, business plans and legal evaluations.

*Working Capital Grants*—Grants to provide funds to operate ventures and pay the normal expenses of the venture that are eligible uses of grant funds.